

the area of the Bumla Pass in the Eastern Sector and the area of the Sponger Gap in the Western Sector to facilitate contacts between the border personnel on each side.

Commercialisation of Oil Palm Plantation

4760. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there Oil palm plantations would be commercialized;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the States where these plantations are likely to be commercialized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) States having potential for commercial development of oil palm are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Gujarat and Goa.

Use of Human Excreta as Manure for Crops

4761. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether human excreta contains higher percentage of Nitrogen than chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some foreign countries use the human excreta to provide Nitrogen to plants;

(d) if so, which are those countries;

(e) whether the Government propose to make use of human excreta of the urban areas to grow crops; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). In countries like China, compost is prepared by mixing garbage (70-80% by weight) and night soil (20-30% by weight) for its use in Agriculture production.

(e) and (f). There is no plan to separately collect human excreta for composting.

Traffic Conditions in Capital

4762. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to improve the traffic conditions in the Capital,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Amongst the various plans and measures to improve traffic conditions in Delhi are (i) development of foot paths for use by cyclist and pedestrians (ii) improvement of the arterial and sub arterial roads; (iii) improvement of bus transport

system; (iv) construction of more fly over/ under bridges (v) restriction on plying of HTVs, MMVs and slow moving; (vi) removal of encroachment on roads/streets; (vii) regulate road safety education to children (viii) road safety swariness comparing through press, TV and AIR (ix) distribution of Road

Safety Literature among the public etc.; (x) introduction of modern Traffic techniques.

(c) The funds provided to Delhi Traffic Police under the Plan Scheme are as follows;

(i)	Road Safety Cell and Modernisation	Rs. 50, 00,000/-
(ii)	Maintenance of Traffic Signals & Blinkers.	Rs. 3, 90, 00,000/-
(iii)	Area Traffic Control System.	Rs. 19,00,000/-

[Translation]

Offshore Oil Exploration

4763. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to evaluate the developed techniques and equipments for offshore oil exploration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The national oil companies are continuously evaluating technology and equipment in use for offshore oil exploration all over the world. Airborne surveys and improved seismic salvation techniques are being evaluated for their utility for oil and gas exploration in offshore areas.

Oil Refinery At Khirkiya in Madhaya Pradesh

4764. SHRI REMESHWAR PATHIDAR: SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government

have received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for starting the construction work of oil refinery at Khirkiya in Hosangabad district, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the construction is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have requested for setting up of a refinery in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c). M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited had submitted a proposal to set up a 6 MMTPA grass-root refinery in Central India. A Site Selection Committee has been constituted to identify a suitable location for this purpose.

[English]

**Diesel Generator Power Plant
Velahanka Bangalore**

4765. SHRI KODAKANI GOWDANA SHIVAPPA:

SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: